

to Rome, through a most picturesque
country with beautiful roads, visited
Montpettier and only stayed a few
days near Cortina & near Menton
visiting the gardens of Thuret and of
Hambury - stayed a week at Florence
where was a large congregation of
botanists with very indifferent local
organization - three days at Genoa
and home by the Brenner Meridian
& Paris direct.

Ever yours

George Donkhan

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May 20/74

My dear Gray

On my return with the
hostess from our excursion to
Florence I find yours of April 17 for
which many thanks

I am disposed to agree with you
that the joint ordinal name should
be *Placox* instead of *Jasminex*

I do not say that *Forestiera* has
"corolla imbricata" - at least I have not
said so in my *Compositae generum*
but put it into a subdivision of
"corolla imbricata v. 0" - its general
affinity is with that subdivision and
I believe that if petals ever developpe
they would be imbricate - the petals being
wanting it is only general affinity that
can place *Forestiera* in the imbricate

division and the apetalous Olea in the
valvate division

As between Ormouthis and Olea I
think you will always find the distinction
strongly pronounced

As between Linoviera and Cheonanthus
it is less so but in Linoviera whether
with or without albumen I find the
petals always concave or unduplicate, or
^{highly developed & valvate}
however narrow whilst in Cheonanthus
(*C. virginicus* and 2 Chinese ones) they
are flat with thin margins but
whether they really overlap or not I
cannot tell our specimens though
numerous have no young buds and
I trust to you to let me know

Friedrichs confounded *L. compacta* and
L. latifolia which are much alike in
flower (though distinguishable) one with
the other without albumen. I forget now
which is which

I am now thick in Apogon - Have
you among the Fiji plants the
Carrotheria Peem. which I have little
doubt is made up of flowering specimens
(which we have very good) of a plant of
the Eubotrya ^{needly} known by the authors
with the fruit (which we have as figured
but detached) of *Brachypoda* - if you have
Carrotheria with its proper fruit pray
let me know what that is

Ureola Royle. is certainly made up
of the flower of a very distinct genus
with Eubotrya, anthers and fruit
(which we have from Malacca) and of
the fruit of *Brachypoda*

Brachypoda includes three or four
supposed African & Asiatic genera and
its remarkable fruit - like some large
globular *Laburnum* has often
attracted the notice of collectors

I have had a very pleasant month
trip with Dr. J. W. Hooker from Paris
down by the new railroad from Clermont



Bentham, George. 1874. "Bentham, George May 30, 1874." *George Bentham letters to Asa Gray*

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